

## PREVIEW

### *from The General History of Virginia*

**John Smith**

**Summary** This excerpt tells of the hardships of the Jamestown colony. Fifty colonists die between May and September. When Captain John Smith goes on an expedition, he and his men are attacked by Indians. Smith's life is spared because he gives the Indians his compass and because Pocahontas, Chief Powhatan's daughter, saves him. After six weeks as a captive, Smith is allowed to return to Jamestown. Pocahontas brings the settlers food, saving their lives.



#### **Note-taking Guide**

Use this chart to record four important events.

Topic			
The first months of the Jamestown settlement			
1.	2.	3.	4.
<p>→</p> <p>After the ship leaves, the settlers do not have enough food.</p>	<p>→</p> <p>The settlers work so hard that they become weak.</p>	<p>→</p>	
Main Idea Sentence			
Despite great challenges, the settlement survives.			